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thing. I guess my question is, and what I'm concerned about, is at the present time, with the satellite system we have in Nebraska with our educational works and what comes out of the Capitol here, that not everyone is able to receive those transmissions. If you don't live in some type of a town where there's cable service or anything, the transmission from the Capitol Building here and these proceedings can't be picked up on your smaller satellites. Now we do know that the signal is being sent up to the satellites because they're pulled back down in some of the towns out farther on the western end of the state. Scottsbluff, Alliance, and those places pick it up off of the satellites, so we know that the transmission is being sent up there. The problem is not everyone can receive it back down unless there's an area there that has a cable system in a town or something. So I would like to see, as we're working on this new transponders and some of this new satellite service, I would like to see something put in place that we could transmit the entire proceedings to the entire state of Nebraska. Your rural areas should be able to receive this information, such as it is, just as well as anyone in town. And for the most part, some of them can get it off of your Internet service, but at the time, the picture is of poor quality in various areas of the state. So as we go through this, whether I introduce an amendment later on on this on page...on Section 27...Agency 47, remains to be seen, but there's something here that I think it should be addressed as something that would help the entire state of Nebraska, help with our communications systems everywhere. And that was what I thought I would help Senator Chambers take up a few minutes of his time, and then we can go from there. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Pederson, you're recognized, as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, to close on LB 424.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I'll use the same eloquent argument I did on the amendment--waive.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 424